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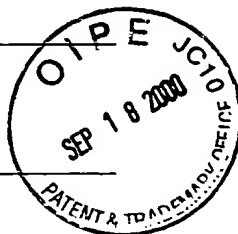
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

DONALD G. WALLACE et al.

Application No.: 09/553,969

Filed: April 21, 2000

For: FRAGMENTED POLYMERIC
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS
FOR THEIR USE

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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated July 11, 2000 for 1 month, from September 11, 2000 to October 11, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts is enclosed herewith.

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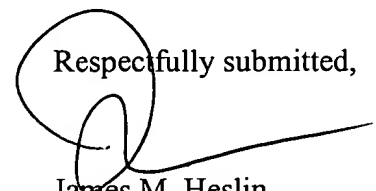
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